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INVESTIGATION LEADS TO THE SEIZURE OF COUNTERFEIT SPORTS APPAREL

RIVERSIDE, CA – In March of 2018, the Riverside Police Department began receiving citizen complaints regarding possible criminal activities occurring at the Arlington Discount Mart, located at 5366 Arlington Avenue in the Ramona neighborhood of Riverside. Detectives from the Vice Unit started an investigation into these complaints. During a recent undercover operation, officers were able to purchase illegal narcotics from people loitering in the parking lot and counterfeit items from inside the business. After a lengthy investigation, detectives obtained a search warrant for the location.

On Wednesday, August 15, 2018, detectives responded to the business to serve the search warrant with assistance from investigators at the Brand Security Corporation. During the search, detectives seized over 1,000 items of counterfeit sports apparel, with

an estimated street value of over \$46,000.00. They also located items being sold over the counter that are commonly used for the use and manufacturing of illegal narcotics such as glass pipes, cans of butane, and packaging materials, along with three illegal gaming machines which were actively being used.





This investigation is still ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective J. Barrette at (951) 353-7207 or <u>ibarrette@riversideca.gov</u>. Those wishing to remain anonymous can email <u>rpdtips@riversideca.gov</u> or utilize the Riverside Police Department's mobile app "Submit a Tip" feature while referencing incident number P18048501.



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